

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows by the first paragraph to read as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is a continuation of prior application United States Serial No. 09/585,577 filed on June 2, 2000 which is hereby incorporated by reference, which This application claims the benefit of provisional application “Methods and Apparatus for High-Availability Architecture Using High-Speed Pipes,” filed June 2, 1999 bearing Serial No. 60/137,203, the contents of which are relied upon and incorporated by reference.